

REMARKS

Claims 11-15 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 6, 8, 13 and 15 being amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 8-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended Claims 8-14 and respectfully submits that the amended claims are directed to statutory subject matter.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kemp (U.S. patent no. 7,039,194). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

The present application as claimed is directed to an apparatus, method, and a program for generating reverberation sound from an input sound, with the use of an impulse response based on a given instruction. Amongst the steps performed to generate the sound include the generation of a new impulse response data based on a first and a second impulse response data, wherein the new response data is created by dividing the first and the second impulse response data into blocks along the time axis.

Kemp does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of generating reverberation sound by, inter alia, creating a new impulse response data based on two different impulse response data that are divided into sequence of blocks along a respective time axis. Rather, Kemp discloses an audio effects synthesizer that synthesizes a new impulse response data from two given impulse response data via linear interpolation; no division of sequence of blocks is disclosed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14, and 15, as amended, are not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, Kemp.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the presently pending claims in this application is in condition for allowance. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below. In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032044500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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